

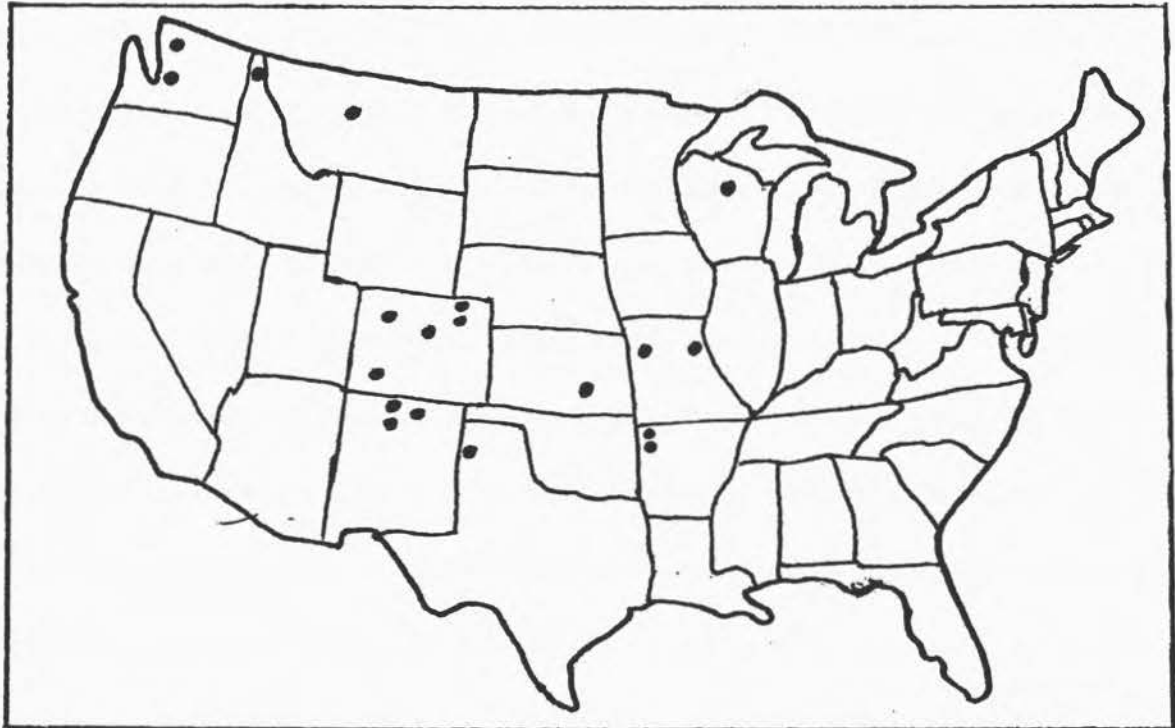
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THE PROJECT STIGMA REPORT ON THE CONTINUING INVESTIGATION INTO THE OCCURRENCE OF ANIMAL MUTILATIONS



ABOVE: THE MUTILATIONS - JULY-OCTOBER 1978

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Those who have followed the mutilation situation will not be overly shocked to learn that these events persist. There are fairly isolated incidents around the country, but the impervious assault has also been appearing in "waves" in somewhat restricted areas - counties, for instance, like Rio Arriba in New Mexico, Benton in Arkansas and Lincoln in Missouri. The list is, as always, incomplete, merely representative rather than definitive. We ask our readers to advise us of any further mutilations. Don't assume that we know about all incidents, because we may not. Mutilations have occurred in the following areas in the period July through October, 1978:

July:

Arkansas - Washington Co.
Missouri - Lincoln Co.
New Mexico - Rio Arriba Co.(2)
Texas - Deaf Smith Co.(2)

September:

Idaho - Boundary Co.
Kansas - Wilson Co.
Missouri - Jackson Co.
New Mexico - Taos Co.

August:

Arkansas - Benton Co.
Colorado - Garfield Co.
Colorado - La Plata Co.
Colorado - Washington Co.
Missouri - Lincoln Co.
Wisconsin - Lincoln Co.

October:

Arkansas - Benton Co.(4)
Colorado - Logan Co.(2)
Montana - Cascade Co.(?)
New Mexico - Rio Arriba(4)
Washington - Pierce Co.(2)
Washington - Snohomish (2)

The following three incidents can be added to the chronology for the first half of 1978 that appeared in STIGMATA #4. All occurred in May: Arkansas (Washington Co.), New Mexico (yet another for Rio Arriba Co., a horse near Lindreth) and Washington (Snohomish Co.).

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Hello, Dane Edwards, wherever you are.

A CLOSER LOOK

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Arkansas

Benton County - A somewhat persistent wave of mutilations has befuddled the sheriff's office in Bentonville. They received a rush of publicity earlier this year when the NEW YORK TIMES saw "fit" to send a reporter to NW Arkansas. Suggestions of a link between the mutilations and altars and other evidence of cultist activity have been generally discounted by now (see STIGMATA #4). No UFOs or helicopters or any other attendant phenomena have been reported. Sheriff's Lt. Don Rystrom says, "Nobody's seen anything or heard anything". One mutilated calf was discovered in August, then four during October, all "classic". Examining veterinarians at Oklahoma State University found only "25 cc's of blood-tinged pericardial fluid" in one calf. OSU claims that their veterinary school is unable to graduate a vet who can "do the type of surgery that's being done". When Project Stigma called Lt. Rystrom on November 6th, he reported that two more mutilations had been discovered that day, and one case was reported in adjoining Washington County that same morning.

Colorado

Logan County - A horse and a cow were reported in Logan County in October 1978 - the first mutilations to be officially reported this year in the county that, it is said, leads the nation in the mutilation count. However, around the first of September, Mr. Grant Callison of Galesburg, Illinois, an investigator for the Mutual UFO Network, stopped to chat with two policemen who were having coffee in a restaurant in the Logan Co. seat of Sterling. Both officers told Callison that the mutilations had diminished somewhat, but had not stopped. Quoting Callison, "The policemen stated that the ranchers were reluctant to report mutilations and when they did they requested that the report and their names not be released to the news media. They have had enough publicity already. That explains why even the people who live in Sterling are not aware the mutilations are continuing". On the other hand, a Logan County sheriff's spokesman denied to Missouri reporter John Gagnon that such officially-unreported mutilations had occurred. At least two mutilations were reported in August in Washington County, which adjoins Logan County on the south. And in Yuma County to the east, newsman T.C. Mitchell of the YUMA PIONEER has heard rumors of mutilations this year in southern Yuma County; none "officially" reported, which may be due to the sheriff's non-receptive attitude.

Colorado (Continued)

La Plata County - A six-month-old calf was found classically mutilated 5 miles from U.S. Highway 160 near the town of Mancos. The animal, which had been seen alive and well on Tuesday, August 29, 1978, was discovered dead and mutilated on Thursday, August 31st. The La Plata County Sheriff's Office investigated, as did a local veterinarian. The vet was convinced that it was a "real" mutilation and he thought a "cult" of some sort was likely involved. The vet speculated that the animal had been tranquilized and kept standing while blood and body parts were being removed; then the calf was swatted and made to run until it fell dead. There would seem to be little evidence to support this. No blood was found on the animal or in the area. No tracks or other signs were found during a sweep of a wide radius around the site.

The area in which the carcass was found was reached after a rugged, rocky ride on a Forest Service road, and the area of the site itself was muddy. This was of interest because the vet found the animal looking as though it were ready for presentation at a show. The calf had been cleaned, combed, washed, scrubbed, the hooves polished, leaving no dirt or mud between the toes. The carcass was missing the left eye, tongue, rectum, sex organs and a portion of the lips. Two small puncture wounds were reportedly found on the left side of the neck near the jugular vein. The animal was found in heavy timber, so it seemed unlikely that the carcass was placed at the site from the air. Unlike other parts of Colorado, few if any mutilations have been reported in the Durango-Cortez area. At least one case was reported in 1975 near Dove Creek, 35 miles northwest of Cortez, but the August find near Mancos represented the first for that area.

Mississippi

Mutilators have struck at least three counties in Mississippi this year: Copiah, Hinds and Lincoln. As many as 8 have occurred in Copiah Co., where Sheriff Earl Guess remarked, "It's the weirdest thing I've ever witnessed". Sheriff Guess, who had observed an unidentified helicopter himself, is working in his investigation with John Edwards, director of the Mississippi Livestock Theft Bureau. An unknown number of mutilations occurred in Lincoln Co., which adjoins Copiah Co. on the south and Pike Co. on the north. Those playing the name game will find it of interest that in ...

Missouri

... A wave of mutilations has transpired this year in Lincoln County, which adjoins Pike County, Missouri on the south (those fans of quirky nomenclature will note yet another Lincoln Co. in our chronology, plus a couple of Washington counties, not to mention Washington State). The mutilations and UFO activity around the town of Elsberry received considerable publicity this past summer. One could even purchase T-shirts proclaiming Elsberry to be "Mutilated Cow Country". At least half a dozen mutilations were reported in Lincoln County through August. Investigators David Perkins, Cari Seawell and Bill McIntyre were in Elsberry around the first of August. They found a witness who saw a UFO over a man's field the night before a mutilation was discovered there. A dog that had barked furiously at the approximate time of the UFO sighting later disappeared (Some animals do become agitated during UFO events and/or mutilation incidents; others become abnormally subdued - see "Animal Reactions" in this issue).

New Mexico

Rio Arriba County - In STIGMATA #4 we discussed the plague of mutilations in this northern New Mexico county. When we were in the area in June, New Mexico State Police Officer Gabe Valdez expected more incidents to occur. Only time would tell and tell it did. Three cows and a two-month-old calf were found mutilated about 18 miles southwest of Dulce on Wednesday, October 4, 1978, having apparently been attacked the previous night. The three cows appeared unquestionably to have been classically mutilated, but investigator Valdez is not convinced regarding the calf. The latter was missing its tongue but the carcass had been fed upon by coyotes; the three cows were untouched by predators. The four animals were found within one-half mile of each other on the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation. One of the cows was owned by Tribal Police Chief Raleigh Tafoya, who has been struck by mutilators before.

It is reported that the incisions on the carcasses were not as clean and precise as can be seen in similar cases. The rectal and sex organ cuts were quite circular, "though somewhat ragged and uneven, and it has been suggested that perhaps novice or apprentice mutilators were to blame. Rough circles, about 18" in diameter, were found on at least one cow, where the hair had been removed and the skin was blackened. The hair of one carcass was falling out in tufts a few days after death.

New Mexico (continued)

Rio Arriba County (continued) - In 1967 the first nuclear device designed to stimulate the production of natural gas from a well was exploded at what has come to be known as "The Gas-buggy" site. The three cows and a calf described above were discovered near this site. Gabe Valdez estimates that more than half of the Rio Arriba mutilations this year have been found in "gas country".

Word has reached us of the mutilation of a horse near Lindreth, NM, in May of this year. The mare was owned by a law officer who found the carcass in mid-morning after the night of the attack. He said the carcass was "covered with flies" - but they were all dead. In the same pasture area, about a quarter of a mile from the mutilation site, a local resident, hiking through the area that same morning, found the carcasses of numerous chipmunks and rabbits scattered about, with no visible signs of death.

Taos County - An apparently-bonafide bull mutilation occurred in a remote area of Taos County in mid-September, almost lost amid reports of cattle, pet rabbits and fowl which had been slain in Taos County over a period of several months. It is unclear whether any of these killings were witnessed, but the press and populace placed the blame of roaming packs of domestic dogs. Then in September a 1200-lb. bull was found dead near Rodarte, minus eyes, genitals, anus and tongue - and it appeared to be a classic mutilation, quite separate and apart from the effects on livestock of the "dog-pack" attacks. Deputy Joe Gonzales reported on the apparently-knife-produced cuts and the lack of hair on two areas on the carcass - one a heart-shaped region on the chest and another area on the head. It appeared that predators had avoided the carcass.

Texas

Deaf Smith County - Deaf Smith leads all counties in the Texas Panhandle and High Plains in fed cattle production (AMARILLO NEWS-GLOBE, July 2, 1978) as well as in reported cattle mutilations. The county seat, of course, is Hereford. An Interfraternity Council spokesman at nearby West Texas State University denied that "fraternity rites" were to blame for the mutes, squelching rumors of "Animal House" antics. At least six mutilations (5 cows, 1 horse) have been reported in Deaf Smith Co. this year, with an unknown number rumored but unreported. Offi-

Texas (continued)

cials and observers in the area seemed convinced of the classic nature of the acts. Sheriff Travis McPherson says a series of UFO sightings were reported around the time of the mid-1978 mutilation wave. Several cars and a tractor reportedly died as strange lights or objects passed in the vicinity. There have been rumors of mutilations having happened this year in other Panhandle counties, including Randall, Donley and Moore, but no supporting data has come to light.

Washington

Cattle mutilations have been reported in Snohomish and Skagit Counties (and a horse in the latter), but the big story in Washington this year has been the revelation that up to 22 horse or dog mutilations have taken place in Pierce County (Seat: Tacoma) within the past 2½ years. At least three horses were castrated (unlike most cases, these animals usually survive the attack) in September, and an additional ten horses were missing and presumed stolen. County Commissioners pressed for stiff penalties against any mutilators, assuming some may be caught.

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MIND-BLOWING SOUL-SUCKERS??

One must not be confined to seeking answers where one expects them to be found. If necessary, all extant knowledge must be approached and sifted through, as we await serendipity. As unjustified and indiscriminate conceptual boundaries fall away from the topic at hand, we can feel free to flow guiltless in and out of mental fantasylands, keeping a grip on the reins. The mind can ride for free with sensibility and rationality intact and in command.

So let us consider possibilities, a "stranger" line of thinking, perhaps. Yet what aspect of this can be said to lack strangeness? In the autumn of 1972, likely in October, Mr. Ed Foley was driving between Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona. He advised the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization of Tucson that, during that trip, he experienced a most striking UFO encounter. We will not fully describe the event here, but at one point Mr. Foley was hit by a peculiar beam of light from a robot-like object that emerged from the UFO; at that point Foley experienced an alteration of consciousness, as though he had abandoned his physical body and mentally or astrally boarded the large circular craft that was (apparently) hovering nearby. In this state the witness found he could easily receive and understand information that was imparted to him by the occupants of the craft. Foley "understood" that they required "life essence" to replace that which was virtually used up on their home planet. Quoting from a report on the Foley case by writer and investigator Wendelle C. Stevens:

They have had to resort to artificial replenishment of this essence of life which is why they were here. They indicated that they go many places where organic life exists to extract the necessary essence for their survival. This essence is obtained from simpler forms of organic life like vegetation and plankton in the sea but is also seasoned with life essence from living animals and creatures except man, which they recognize as different and not fair game.

...They take blood and vital fluids and brain juices, and secretions from some glands of various animals (see "Ordeal in Arkansas" in STIGMATA #4, wherein two humanoids tell a woman that they sustain themselves with "juice"). They apparently need and use this in some way to help replenish their diminishing supply of life essence. They are not concerned about the flesh and leave it intact. They carefully avoid humans as much as possible in their harvesting of the fluid substances ...

In assessing some of the other more unusual speculations regarding the mutilations, we shall mention a concept which does not necessarily infuse the element of extraterrestrial into the picture.

A correspondent of ours has passed along the following, which he categorizes as pure speculation (which means possibly so, or maybe not so). He asks "what if" there existed an organization which had dabbled in the headier realms of "black magic", and what if they had succeeded in creating a "thought form"**, a very powerful entity brought into being by the sheer force of will, couched in ritual and agreement among these occultists, who were impressively powerful and proficient themselves. Perhaps things got a bit out of hand when the "thought form" became too powerful to control and began demanding "blood sacrifice" and, again, life essence. The speculation adds that forces of the federal government/military are fully cognizant of this and are funding and supporting this secret society if indeed the federal forces are not a part of the organization itself. There have been rumors of "state sorcerers" who worked in the twilight regions of the occult to stop Hitler and his "magic". Both magic and technology (a powerhouse combination) are employed to obtain the life force of animal victims to be fed to the increasingly powerful thought-form. It is also likely in this scenario that the most desperate of attempts are being made to find a way of destroying this "Monster From The Id" (for those of you who remember "Forbidden Planet") even as the creature grows increasingly stronger. Undoubtedly the hope would be that this thought-form would remain satisfied with the life force of lower animals, without developing a "taste" for its creators.

In February of 1975 the "Lou Staples Tonight" call-in talk show on KRLD radio in Dallas presented a discussion on the rash of mutilations then occurring in Texas. A caller, a man from Fredericksburg, Texas who had just returned from a business trip to New Orleans, claimed that he, a "happy Catholic", went to a "Voodoo Museum" in the French Quarter area of New Orleans.

He got into a discussion with some people who were apparently running the museum. He asked if they had heard of the mutilations that were then going on in Texas and elsewhere. The people (quantity unknown) said they were well aware of the phenomenon. After about half-an-hour or so of probing, the Texan finally got one person at the museum to open up a bit, his impression having been that they knew more about mutilations than they were telling. They claimed to know that the animal parts and blood were needed to "direct power or energy" in whatever direction or to whatever

end was desired; the person at the museum suggested that those involved in this were practitioners of black and "white" magic, and that there might be a battle of sorts going on between opposing forces (a familiar and venerable concept in some occultist circles) and that maybe even both sides are involved in the mutilations to further their own aims - but nevertheless there is a tremendous amount of energy that is being sought and "conjured up".

Speculation? Yes, all of the above, and we do not necessarily subscribe to any of it. But if any readers have conclusive proof that any or all of these conjectures are not true, we'd like to hear from you.

MISC. MUTE MEANDERINGS

We've learned of an incident in the western U.S. wherein 2 people came upon a UFO and one was abducted, examined and returned. During the turmoil a calf was levitated into the craft along a beam of some sort, to be dismembered as the human abductee watched. An investigation, to include hypnotic regression, is underway.

Project Stigma has been requesting, under the Freedom of Information Act, information from Federal agencies regarding mutilations and investigations thereof. We are attempting to cooperate in this venture with other individuals and groups who are doing the same, and we will anticipate a progress report in a future edition.

Writer and playwright Izzy Zane informs us of the following: A recent candidate for sheriff in a Colorado county claimed that his opponent, the incumbent sheriff, received a letter from "the government" which told him that the mutilations were "okay" and that the sheriff should ignore them and not worry about them. The incumbent denies the existence of such a letter.

There are indications that the State of Idaho is involved in a mutilation probe, and an investigator for a state agency told a California writer that there was a cover-up in that investigation. Beyond that, no one in Boise admits to this. Garfield Co. (Colo.) Undersheriff Jack McNeel told the Glenwood Springs (CO) POST that he sends samples to Idaho where "all" such evidence is "being compiled". McNeel's superior, Sheriff Robert Hart later told Project Stigma he knew nothing about this. Whatever.

PSYCHICS AND THE "AWFUL TRUTH"

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A PRELIMINARY REPORT

Psychics and sensitives have been utilized for years in crime investigations by police agencies. Sometimes such practitioners make the news, but most such psychic investigations are conducted quietly.

Some psychic analyses are successful; many are not. But it is a tool to be utilized and Project Stigma advocates its use in research and investigation into the animal mutilation phenomenon. We take information obtained through remote viewing, psychometry, radiesthesia and other such means with a grain of salt. Such data should not stand alone. The crucial and imperative methodology requires combining these subjective impressions with objective fact-finding.

Although psy can be a powerful ally, such powers cannot be so easily controlled at all times. Real psychic powers - as opposed to rationalization or mere guesswork - cannot be turned on and off to the extent that most psychics would have us believe. It is important to gather information from many sources using various methods; that is, the more psychics used and the more impressions gained, the better. It is also difficult if not impossible to know with assurance where such information is originating. Are psychics and mediums extending their own consciousness directly to the source or event? Do they tap some pool of universal knowledge? Or could those who are especially sensitive be vulnerable and subjected to input from sources whose aims are diversion and deceit? We cannot know with certainty. The need for correlations among a great quantity of data is emphasized.

Some psychics have already taken a "look" into the mutilations problem. All too often, there seems to be something approaching a "common thread" among their impressions. The majority of these psychics (of whom we are aware) seem to find the mutilations decidedly frightening. Most such sensitives feel so threatened after an initial foray into the subject that they refuse to continue probing the mutilations. A few have tried to go deeper into the matter. So far the impressions are varied. Some see the mutilations as a result of some kind of governmental testing program. Others feel that cultist activity is involved. Then there are those who find evidence of extraterrestrial involvement. In other words, all major theories are represented thus far. We will present a further report in a later STIGMATA. If any psychics gain impressions, we urge that they contact Project Stigma.

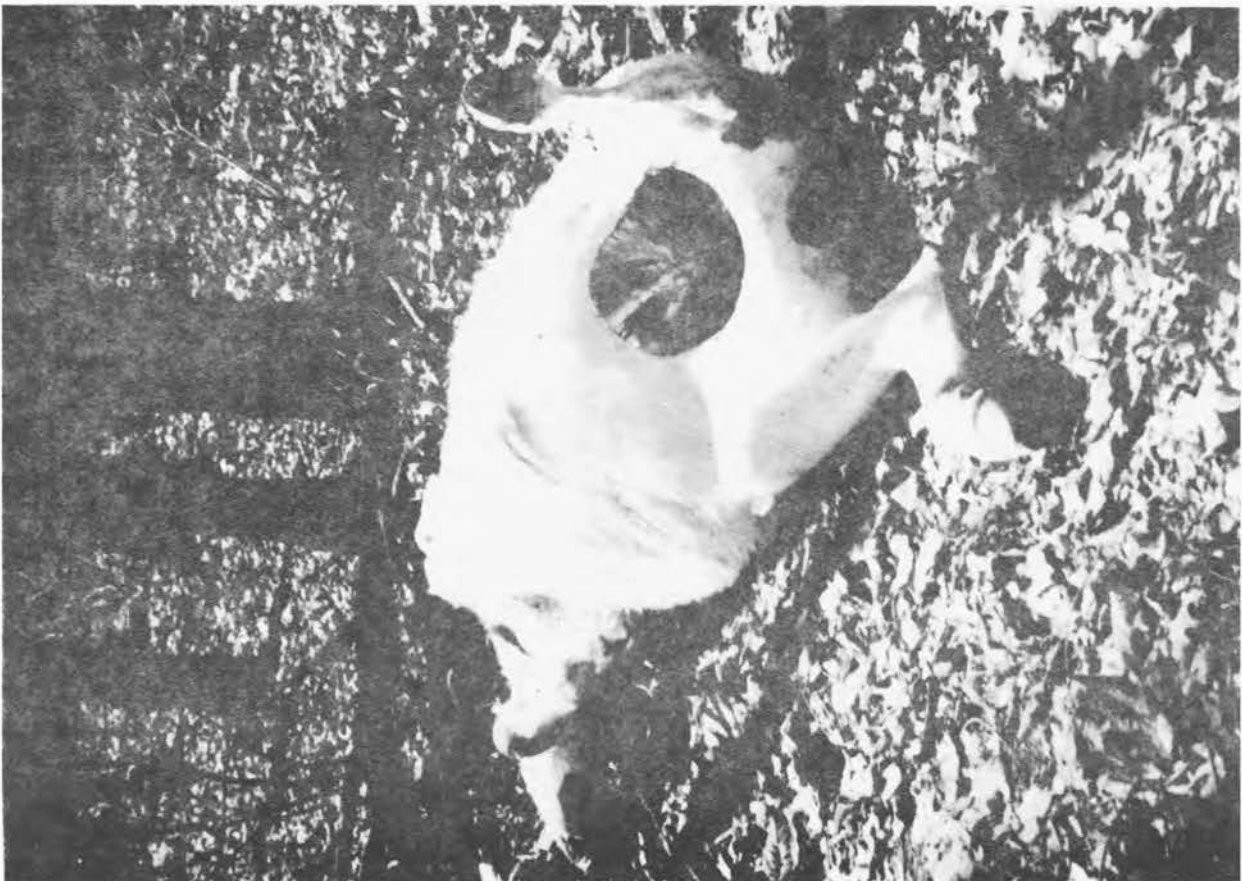


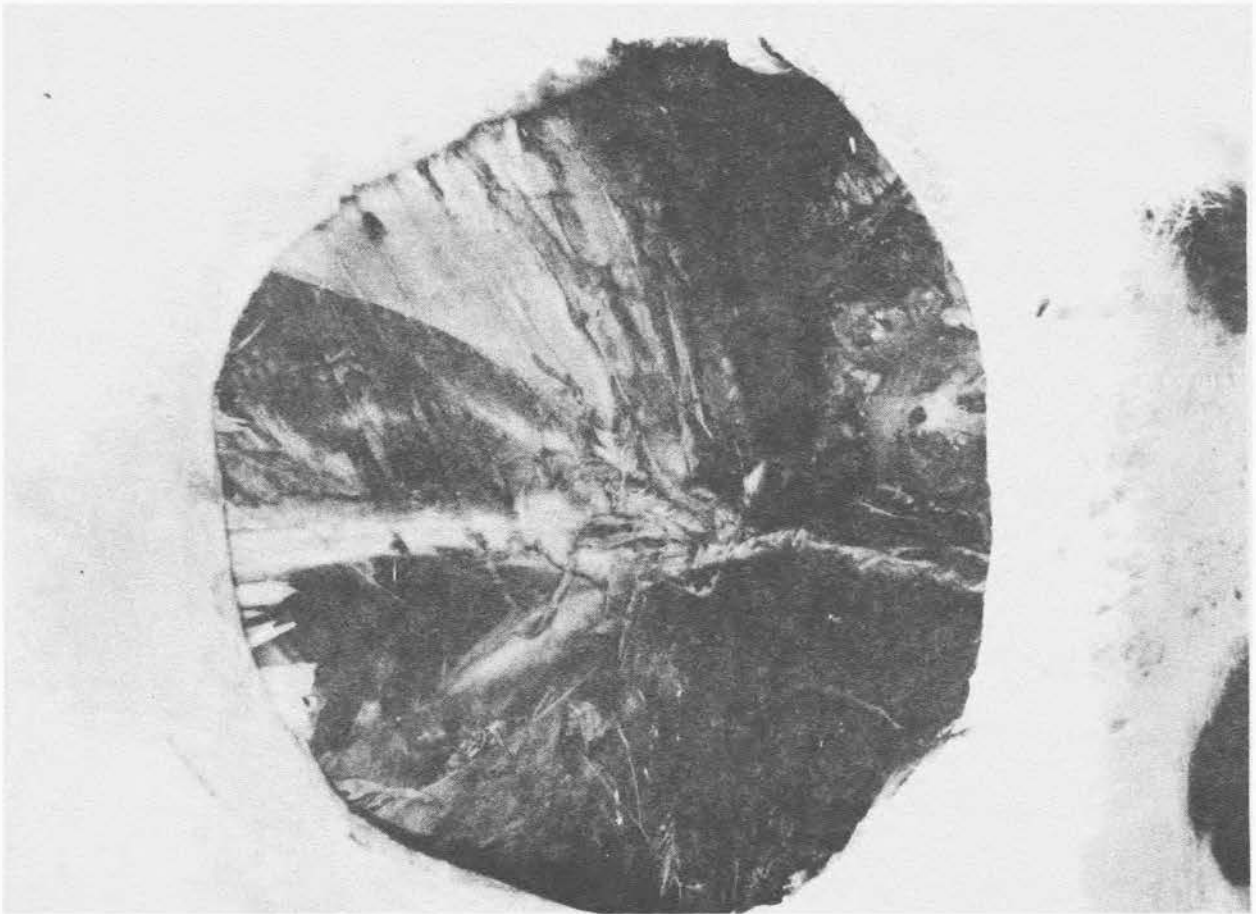
"MUTE TESTIMONY"

FROM THE VICTIMS

Above left and right:
Natrona Co., Wyoming,
April 1978. Credit:
Lonnie Johnson; Salt
Lake City, Utah.

Below left and right:
Van Zandt Co., Texas,
March 1975. Credit:
Grand Saline (Texas)
Police Department.





LETTERS

I don't remember the exact year, but it was either 1934 or 1935 soon after I went to Missouri to live with my grandparents. We found a hog slaughtered in a mysterious way in a pasture after we had seen some shiny object flying over the farm at about tree-top level and we thought it went down in the pasture across the creek from the house. By the time my grandfather and I walked over there it was gone, but there was a ring about 25 feet in radius burned in the grass and the hog was laying in the middle of it. At that time we had never heard of UFOs and my grandfather said it looked like some gypsies had killed the hog and burned the ring in the grass, so we let it go at that and buried the hog. I don't think my grandfather ever said anything to anyone about it as there were lots of gypsies around then and we all hated them.

Leon J. Sale
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Just a summary of my conclusions on the animal mutilation mystery: It is 95% E.T. (editor's note: "extraterrestrial") caused. "They" require great quantities of biological material for use in a bio-interface control program - similar to our use of, say, eggs in immunization programs. The bio-materials are used to keep the human race healthy. Consider how many humanoids seem to breathe, eat, etc. in our atmosphere in a 24-hour day. They, I contend, represent the edge of a vast interstellar evolutionary heirarchy originating from multitudinous stellar systems. As laboratory animals are unaware (writer's emphasis) of the various measures being taken to keep them healthy, so are we, except..., I contend, the superpower intelligence community.

Vincent R. White
Kansas City, Missouri

If any of our readers have copies of any articles regarding mutilations which appeared in the MOUNT VERNON NEWS, Mount Vernon, South Dakota (near Mitchell) in late 1974 or early 1975, please let us know at: P.O. Box 1094; Paris, Texas 75460.

In an editorial in the June 8, 1970 edition of the TOPEKA (Kans.) DAILY CAPITOL, it was reported that Kansas State University scientists found that bright lights calm cattle and enable workers to move among them without spooking them. (Credit: Steve Hicks)

ODD ENTITIES

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In the space allotted we will be unable to explore these accounts in detail. We'll refer the reader to the source material in Flying Saucer Review, the excellent British publication. They may or may not provide substantial insight into the North American animal mutilations - but can we ignore these reports entirely?

South America is not without its offerings of the mysterious and quizzical. We will examine Bolivia for a tale told by writer Oscar A. Galindez (translated by Gordon Creighton)¹. On some undetermined night in 1968, at the village of Otoco in SW Bolivia, Senora Valentina Flores observed a plastic net-like material covering a pen which contained her herd of sheep. In the pen was a being perhaps 43 inches in height who was in the act of killing her sheep with "a tubular instrument with a hook on the end of it". Senora Flores was attacked by the humanoid, which threw the instrument at her before it returned, boomerang-style, to the creature. The being, wearing a "rucksack" or backpack-like contrivance, eventually rose into the air with "a most extraordinary noise" and departed. The police initiated an official investigation and determined that there were 34 dead sheep, all missing "certain small portions of their digestive organs". The humanoid featured in this case is compared favorably by Galindez to an entity photographed alongside a UFO in Italy in 1952, photos which have serious supporters as well as detractors. No known animal killings, though, were associated with this 1952 event.

The same can be said of a Puerto Rican account, again from the pages of FSR², by Sebastian Robiou Lamarche (translated by Creighton). A 3½-ft.-tall humanoid (the approximate height of the Bolivian entity) was observed by Senor Adrian de Olmos Ordonez from the balcony of his home in Quebradillas, P.R., on July 12, 1977. The creature wore a helmet and something "like a rucksack" on its back. Emitting a sound like "an electric drill", the being rose into the air and disappeared. In the creature's right hand, the witness had noticed a matchbox-sized object "with a sharp point to it". Cattle in the area acted "crazy" and dogs barked "frenziedly". In his commentary on this incident, Creighton notes that while there are discrepancies, there are also similarities in common with the Bolivian event. Creighton also suggests that, while there were no animal mutilations

or deaths on the night of the Puerto Rican incident, the creature may have been disturbed before such attacks could be carried out (a series of classic mutilations did occur in Puerto Rico in 1975).

We then come to a case uncovered by well-known ufologist and writer Wendelle C. Stevens, who found himself in Bolivia in 1975. He was told of a group of shepherds in Western Bolivia, perhaps 150 miles from La Paz, who observed a disc-shaped craft descending over their flock. The sheep were zapped with thin beams of white light, which felled them. Then the craft was lowered almost to the ground and three figures emerged. The humanoids were wearing a tank-like apparatus on their backs, to which was attached a sort of wand. This wand was touched to the head and neck of the sheep as the creatures moved among the fallen flock. The observing sheep herders became immobilized or semi-paralyzed until the craft and its occupants departed as they had arrived. The herders were salvaging the meat from the sheep when they found the carcasses bloodless and the brain cavities empty. There is an element of this case that might either elevate the degree of strangeness of things in Bolivia or diminish the plausibility of both Bolivian incidents cited here. According to the story encountered by Stevens in 1975 (which had occurred a few years earlier) the herders discovered 34 dead sheep. Just coincidence? Or could it be an indication of a tall tale gotten out of hand? Or simply varying versions of the same altogether-real incident? We will hope for clarifying data and writer Stevens will attempt to sort it all out on an upcoming venture to South America.

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ANIMAL REACTIONS

Widely circulated are the accounts of peculiar reactions on the part of both predators and domestic animals in the vicinity of mutilated carcasses. The speculation, of course, has been that there is "something" about such carcasses that these "lower" animals can detect but humans cannot. It has been suggested that the carcasses are rendered off-limits by the injection of some chemical or biochemical agent, either to kill

the animal or assist in pumping out the blood, or perhaps a chem-bio-bacteriological warfare agent has been introduced so that the animal's reaction to it can be monitored. A scientist recently proposed to Project Stigma that the problem may not necessarily be "chemical". It has been discovered that laboratory rats can detect or "smell" X-rays; so if the mute victims have been subjected to radiation, nuclear or otherwise, predators and other animals might pick up on it. To exemplify the problem we present here a very brief catalog of animal reactions to mutilation events, both before and after the fact:

- (1) Logan Co., Colorado - June 1976 - only tracks near a mutilated heifer were those of a coyote, which approached the carcass to within 7 or 8 feet, then retreated.
- (2) Logan Co., Colorado - Sept. 1976 - signs of a coyote circling mutilated carcass, but never closer than 20-25 feet.
- (3) Logan Co., Colorado - Sept. 1976 - again, signs of a coyote circling carcass, but never coming too close.
- (4) Kimball Co., Nebraska - August 1975 - (2 copters seen by cow's owner, Mr. Hillman, on night of mutilation); tracks of a single coyote were found to within 10-12 feet of carcass,
- (5) Adams Co., Idaho - June 1975 - Though carcasses in area usually attract predators within 24 hours, 6 mutes lay untouched for "days" (one appeared to have been chewed on slightly); Sheriff Hileman, who had "been around livestock all my life", found it to be "a highly unusual occurrence"; Council, Idaho vet, Dr. Fred Stovner, said bear tracks and manure were found around the mute carcasses, but the bears never touched them.
- (6) Carbon Co., Utah - October 1975 - sheriff found coyote tracks around carcass, which remained untouched.
- (7) Jones Co., Texas - December 1974 - sheriff says coyote prints were all around carcass, which lacked even "one tooth mark" after ten days. "Any other animal would have been devoured in days".
- (8) Furnas Co., Nebraska - October 1975 - After ten days no predator had touched a carcass except to apparently pull off a small piece of hide on the belly; no flies, despite presence of nearby feed lot; carcass showed little deterioration though weather was warm with mid-70's prevailing; odor of carcass was not unbearable as expected; owner Mr. Hays had a cow die during calving in the spring - "coyotes cleaned out the ribcage

before morning".

(9) Garfield Co., Colorado - April 1976 - Sheriff Ed Hogue's German Shepherd ("has never been shy of approaching carcasses") refused to go near mutilated animal, just "circled around"; this "bothers" Hogue.

(10) Madison Co., Montana - Summer 1976 - Deputy Richard Laing had dog with him while investigating mute; dog "did not leave the vehicle"; was "cowering, shaking and crying".

(11) Madison Co., Iowa - October 1975 - Mutilated cow found Wed., 10-15-75; thought to have been mutilated perhaps 4 days earlier; on Sun., 10-12-75 owner Orville Henry saw lights "flashing on and off" in treetops near pasture; thought it was coon hunters; then on Mon., 10-13-75 Henry went to dump load of silage; as he neared his herd they "all ran like hell to get away from me. That was unusual. They usually walk right up to me".

(12) Little River Co., Arkansas - August 1977; As Ezekial Green entered his pasture, his herd began to move toward him; but as he approached a mutilated carcass, the herd suddenly turned and "stampeded" from the area.

(13) Fremont Co., Idaho - October 1975 - a farmer was perplexed because of his normally vicious dog; when a mutilation occurred on the property, the dog never barked.

(14) Twin Falls Co., Idaho - October 1975 - near Murtaugh on Gunnell farm; dogs at Gunnell place and at neighbors did not bark during night of mutilation, which occurred in nearby pasture.

(15) Crowley Co., Colorado - September 1975; the night a bull was mutilated, a dog wanted to get into a ranch house so badly that it ran completely through a screen door.

(16) Butte Co., California - October 1975 - for a week before a mutilation occurred, other cattle simply refused to enter an area of pasture that was thick and wet with clover. The calf was then found mutilated in that section of the pasture.

(17) Snohomish Co., Washington - May 1978 - pregnant cow discovered mutilated 100 yards from farmhouse; small Dachshund and large Collie mix were at site; neither dog would go closer than 25 ft. from carcass; owner found his dogs' reaction most unusual.

It should be noted that predators have fed upon some (the minority) mutilated carcasses. In fact, in those instances, it can be instructive to note the difference between the surgically precise incisions and the gnawing and tearing bites of predators. Also, while most canines of the guard-dog type have been rendered silent, there are numerous cases involving barking, whining and howling dogs on nights of mutilations.

Sources: (1) Sterling (Colo.) JOURNAL-ADVOCATE, 6-8-76; (2) Sterling JOURNAL-ADVOCATE, 9-14-76; (3) Sterling JOURNAL-ADVOCATE, 9-18-76; (4) WESTERN NEBRASKA OBSERVER (Kimball, Nebr.), 8-28-75; (5) IDAHO STATESMAN (BOISE), 16-31-75; (6) Twin Falls (Ida.) TIMES-NEWS, 10-21-75; (7) Fort Worth (Tex.) STAR-TELEGRAM, 1-25-75; (8) Hastings (Nebr.) DAILY TRIBUNE, 11-8-75; (9) Grand Junction (Colo.) DAILY SENTINEL, 4-20-76; (10) Anaconda (Mont.) LEADER, 1-19-77; (11) Des Moines (Iowa) REGISTER, 10-17-75; (12) Texarkana (Tex.-Ark.) GAZETTE, 8-21-77; (13) Idaho Falls (Ida.) POST-REGISTER, 10-2-75; (14) Twin Falls (Ida.) TIMES-NEWS, 10-31-75; (15) Mrs. Don S. Richmond, personal communication; (16) Oroville (Calif.) MERCURY-REGISTER, 10-25-75; (17) Report by investigator Jerry Phillips of Everett, Washington; provided by Jacob A. Davidson.

MUTILATE THIS BULL? YOU & WHAT ARMY?

An enraged and disorderly 1,000-lb. bull escaped from the Cattlemen's Livestock Commission in Paris, Texas, to enliven a blah Monday in May of 1976. Paris Police and Lamar County deputies pursued the lumbering vagabond through the streets of Paris for 2½ hours, as the desperate bull was apparently trying to reach Project Stigma headquarters. As the animal continued to rampage, the owner ordered it killed. Deputy Jerry Morris fired 30-30 and 30.06 caliber shells into the bull with virtually no effect. The animal went down twice but quickly rose again to charge about the residential area. All six bullets fired by Morris entered the bull's skull. Eventually, it took two shotgun blasts fired by a patrolman to kill the animal.

This gives some indication of the task facing mutilators who would attack angry and/or frightened bovine gargantua. A great many victims are calves and other smaller animals, but not all.

Source: THE PARIS (Tex.) NEWS, 5-18-76

URUGUAYAN DOG-ZAP

This South American case may be of interest, examined in the light of our present meager knowledge about mutilations. Although no mutilation, per se, was involved, this event resulted in the odd death of a dog following a UFO incident. Northwestern Uruguay was plagued by a series of UFO sightings in February and March of 1977. It is reported that family members and ranchhands witnessed UFOs on perhaps a dozen occasions on the large cattle and sheep ranch of Angel Maria Tonna, near Salta, Uruguay. On the early morning of February 18, Tonna, his son and his foreman observed a "fire-disc, like two plates facing each other". The object flew and hovered over the barnyard, sometimes at tree-level or lower. Topo, a 3-year-old 60-lb. police dog, ran to attack the object as it hovered 20 feet above the ground; but the dog suddenly "stopped on a little mound, sat down and began whining".

In the hours following the ten-minute incident, Topo "walked around as he normally would but he wouldn't eat or drink anything", and the Tonna's thought it unusual that Topo stayed in the house all day. Topo's body was found on the morning of the third day following the incident, on the same mound from which he had howled at the bright orange object. In an autopsy conducted by a university veterinarian, it was found that the fat under the skin of the dog had apparently melted and come through the pores to solidify again on the outside, suggesting exposure to an abnormally high temperature. The vet found that massive rupturing of the blood vessels had occurred, and he judged it "was caused by an increase in temperature that couldn't be natural". Plus, "the liver, normally dark and red, was completely yellow, caused by a high fever. All the blood vessels were yellow, too". The dog's hair was not burned nor were any marks or bruises found on the skin.

Rancher Tonna suffered a reddened and irritated right arm (with which he had shielded his eyes from the UFO). He refused a physician's recommendation to have his arm examined for possible radiation exposure. It was later reported that Tonna was in "very poor health". Much is omitted from this brief account. Readers are referred to the source material as identified below. This event should not be overlooked because of the possibility of very high temperatures being produced internally in the dog. Similar conditions have been proposed in some livestock mutilations in the U.S. (see STIGMATA #4). Source: "Severe Physiological Effects in Uruguay" by Mario Rodriguez in the April 1978

edition of THE MUFON UFO JOURNAL (Copyright 1978 by the MUFON UFO JOURNAL, 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin, Texas 78155). This journal of the Mutual UFO Network is priced at \$8.00 per year.

CHOPPERS

Virtually all mutilation investigators at one time or another have had to wrestle with the consistent enigma of the unidentified and unmarked helicopters which have been all-too-prevalent at or near some mutilation sites (while other mute-infested areas have been just as curiously void of helicopter activity). It occurred to us, in considering comments regarding an investigation-in-progress (below) that it might be useful to summarize some of the predominant speculations on the origins and purposes of the (apparent) mystery helicopters. Thus, our attempt follows:

(1) The helicopters originate from the same source(s) as UFOs - and likely are, in fact, UFOs themselves, disguised to resemble terrestrial aircraft (there exist numerous accounts of mysterious and unmarked fixed-wing craft, as well) to divert attention, possibly, to the government and military, or at least from the non-terrestrials or ufonauts.

(2) The helicopters originate from within some shudderingly-formidable, well-organized, endlessly-financed "cult", that is, a "civilian" organization or cooperative network of organizations, likely with occult tendencies and motives - perhaps some venerable terrestrial secret society possessing the most fundamental and profound of esoteric knowledge. And who is to say, even, that their motives must necessarily be evil? They may not do cattle a world of good, but they could be acting with benevolent, even altruistic, intentions toward humanity.

(3) The helicopters originate with the U.S. Government, and they are directly involved in carrying out the mutilation "mission", perhaps, as has been proposed, as a part of an illegal but altogether necessary (in their eyes) chemical-biological-bacteriological warfare testing program.

(4) The helicopters originate with the U. S. Government, and they are as curious about the entire affair as the rest of us, and they are present in the vicinity of mutilation sites to monitor the activities of the real mutilators. It seems this would have to imply that the government/military has enough of a working knowledge of the phenomenon to be able to predict mute events in advance, in order to be at the site.

(5) The helicopters originate with the U.S. government which, in fact, possesses a very substantial amount of knowledge about the mutilators, their means, motives and rationale. For whatever their reason may be, the government is trying to persuade mutilation investigators and the populace as a whole, subtly but firmly, that the government/military itself is behind the mutilations - to divert the public from the real truth. This might also explain the attempts to place the blame on cultists and pseudo-occultists in some regions - aided by well-placed robed figures, stone altars, painted skulls, candles, sinister but obscure slogans - anything, that is, to divert attention from the mutilators, of whom the government is only too aware.

(6) Next?? (If readers can suggest other alternatives, we'd like to hear from you).

It was conjecture number 5 which served to germinate this exposition. Effectually, it appears in a case now under investigation as a contention voiced by one of the principal witnesses. This "case", in fact, involves more than one or even a handful of events, but among the most bizarre - and perhaps most important - series of occurrences, not only within the framework of the mutilation investigation, but in the entire spectrum of paranormal experience. The matter is under investigation by 3 Ph.D's, two of whom, R. Leo Sprinkle and John S. Derr, have authored a preliminary report on this "Multiple Phenomena on Colorado Ranch" which has been serialized in THE A.P.R.O. BULLETIN (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, Inc.; 3910 E. Kleindale Road; Tucson, Arizona 85712).

Sprinkle, Derr and their colleague, Peter W. Van Arsdale, have determined that the following are among the phenomena which have reportedly occurred to a small number of people within a restricted geographical area: Humming sounds and other anomalous noises, including disembodied voices both in and out-of-doors; hairy, upright "Bigfoot"-type creatures, alone as well as in the company of seeming-non-terrestrial humanoids and artifacts; abundant UFO sightings, various sorts of craft, with emphasis on two varieties; confrontations and contact between humans and apparent UFO occupants; fires and power failures; and, of course, cattle mutilations. The percipients and their location are anonymous by request, but we are hopeful that the investigators will continue their efforts and that more information will eventually be forthcoming on this most intriguing case. Meanwhile, back to the helicopters: Project Stigma will continue to monitor this aspect of the problem.

LATE NEWS

NOTING THE NEED FOR MORE CONCERTED FIELD INVESTIGATIONS AND MOBILE DATA-GATHERING, PROJECT STIGMA HAS ACQUIRED A FOUR-WHEEL-DRIVE DODGE MAXI-VAN. THE VEHICLE IS UNDERGOING SEVERAL STAGES OF CONVERSION AND IT IS HOPED THAT IT WILL BE READY TO SERVE AS A FULL-TIME MOBILE INVESTIGATIVE UNIT IN 1979. WE ARE INITIATING CONTACT WITH WEALTHY INDIVIDUALS AND FOUNDATIONS IN AN EFFORT TO ACQUIRE FUNDING TO ALLIEVIATE OUR EVER-INCREASING EXPENSES. THE FUNDING NEEDS ARE BASICALLY TWO-FOLD: (1) FOR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT & OTHER INSTRUMENTATION AND CONVERSION COMPONENTS AND (2) FOR ON-THE-ROAD EXPENSES, PRIMARILY FUEL FOR VEHICLE AND INVESTIGATIVE TEAM. AT LEAST TWO INVESTIGATORS ARE COMMITTED TO FULL-TIME FIELD INVESTIGATIONS IF FINANCING PERMITS. WE ASK THAT ANY PROSPECTIVE CONTRIBUTORS CONTACT US (P.O. BOX 1094 - PARIS, TX 75460) FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING OUR INTENTIONS AND FUNDING NEEDS.

Izzy Zane provides us with more details which might relate to the Lincoln Co., Wisconsin mutilation (teats) of 28 cows in August. An odd burned fungus circle (18-ft.) was found near Spooner, Wisc., in Washburn Co., over 100 miles from the Lincoln Co. mute site. But the burned substance in the circle was "like graphite", and a similar phenomenon had been reported on the Forrest Gladney farm during the Elsberry, Mo. mutilation/UFO furor. There were no known UFO reports around Spooner, but some sort of UFO had been indicated over Lincoln Co., Wisc. earlier in August. Elsberry, of course, is in Lincoln County, Missouri.

We are indebted to Howard Burgess for the latest news from (where else?) Rio Arriba Co., New Mexico. Two 4-year-old cows were found 2 days apart within $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of each other at the Santa Clara Indian Pueblo near Los Alamos. The weather was terribly rainy on both nights of mutilation (Nov. 10-11 and Nov. 12-13) whereas almost all New Mexico mutes have occurred in good weather. Plus, a helicopter was heard over the pueblo on the morning of the 13th. More to come from Rio Arriba County, undoubtedly.

We've heard of two older incidents in Colorado in which observers have witnessed landed helicopters and mutilators-in-action (men in seeming-military uniforms). More to come, hopefully, on these 2 similar yet different cases. We will also anticipate reporting on a deputy's shootout with a harrassing helicopter.

CULPRITS

Could it be that some schools of thought regarding mutilation causation are being overlooked? Unjustifiably ignored? Let us examine - as briefly as possible - three "suspects" which have been offered to us as being responsible, at least in part, for the onslaught of mutilations: (1) BUZZARDS - Veterinary pathologist Dr. Larry Jones of Texas A&M University ruled that all potential mutilations in the Walker County, Texas, area had died of an "infectious process" and they were then "mutilated" by buzzards (THE HUNTSVILLE (Tex.) ITEM, 3/12/75); (2) VAMPIRE BATS - A Lubbock, Texas, antique dealer, Dan Pritchett, argued that he had studied the mutilations and had proven that they had been conducted by a wave of vampire bats which had surged across the southern U.S. border (DENISON (Tex.) HERALD, 4/14/76); (3) CIVET CATS - Wyoming rancher Myron Martin was convinced that at least some of the livestock mutilations were done by civet cats, a feline-like carnivore. Martin did not seem overly annoyed by the extent of the civet cat's range which, according to zoologists, is restricted to Asia and Africa (THE RECORD STOCKMAN, Denver, 6/3/76). All theories deserve a hearing or at least a mention. Well, consider it done. To be sure, buzzards and vampire bats have their occasionally obnoxious tendencies; but for us, we never met a civet cat we didn't like.

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